

# CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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## CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION†

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### OFFICIAL NOTICES

#### Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the California Medical Association

At the thirty-seventh annual session of the House of Delegates, held at Hotel Coronado, May 6, 1940, seven amendments to the Constitution were submitted. Proposed amendments, listed below under captions I to V, were submitted by John W. Cline of San Francisco (noted in printed minutes in CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, June, 1940, on page 266), and amendments having numbers VI and VII were presented by E. T. Remmen of Los Angeles (noted in printed minutes in CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, June, 1940, on page 272. Error in use of John D. Ruddock's name in electric recorder transcription was corrected in CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, December, 1940, on page 273.

Procedure to be followed in consideration of proposed amendments is outlined in Article XV, Section 1, as follows:

#### ARTICLE XV.—AMENDMENTS

##### SECTION 1.—*Procedure to Amend Constitution*

Any member of the House of Delegates at any meeting of any regular annual session thereof may present an amendment or amendments to any article or articles or any section or sections of any article or articles of this Constitution.

Such proposed amendment or amendments shall be in writing and shall be filed with the Secretary and shall thereafter be published at least twice in separate issues of the OFFICIAL JOURNAL of this Association prior to the next regular session of the House of Delegates.

At the said next regular session of the House of Delegates, such proposed amendment or amendments shall be submitted to the House of Delegates, for consideration at any meeting of the House of Delegates during that annual

session, and if two-thirds of the delegates present and voting vote in favor thereof the same shall be adopted.

Proposed amendments submitted by Dr. John W. Cline:

##### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION: NO. I

*Resolved*, That Section 1(b) of Article V of the Constitution of this Association, California Medical Association, be and the same hereby is amended by inserting before the period and after the word "Constitution" the following: "excepting the Secretary-Treasurer and Editor," so that said Section 1 (b) of Article V shall hereafter read as follows:

(b) The officers of this Association enumerated in Section 1 of Article X of this Constitution, excepting the Secretary-Treasurer and Editor.

That is an amendment to the Constitution.

##### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION: NO. II

Another amendment to the Constitution:

*Resolved*, That Section 8 of Article VII of the Constitution of this Association, California Medical Association, be and the same hereby is amended by inserting after the comma which follows the words "Public Relations," the following: "and ex officio, but without the right to vote," so that said Section 8 of Article VII will hereafter read as follows:

##### SECTION 8.—*Executive Committee*

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, the Past President, the President-Elect, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the Chairman of the Council, the Chairman of the Auditing Committee, the Chairman of the Committee on Public Relations, and ex officio, but without the right to vote, the Secretary-Treasurer and the Editor.

##### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION: NO. III

Another amendment to the Constitution:

*Resolved*, That Section 11 of Article X of the Constitution of this Association, California Medical Association, be and the same hereby is amended by striking out of said Section 11 the following:

##### SECTION 11.—*Election of Council Chairman; Council Vice-Chairman; Secretary-Treasurer; Editor and Associate Editors*

The Council, at the organization meeting thereof, shall elect a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary-Treasurer, an Editor; and, in its discretion, one or more Associate Editors, each to serve for the term of one year. and by inserting in lieu thereof the following:

##### SECTION 11.—*Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Council; Employment of Secretary-Treasurer, Assistant Secretaries, Editor and Associate Editors*

The Council, at the organization meeting thereof, shall elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman, each to serve for the term of one year. It shall also employ, if any vacancy exists, a Secretary-Treasurer and an Editor, and, in its discretion, one or more Assistant Secretaries or Associate Editors. The terms of their employment shall be such as are satisfactory to the Council, provided, however, that no contract of employment shall, by its terms, exceed a period of three years from the date of the organization meeting at which such contract is authorized.

##### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION: NO. IV

Another:

*Resolved*, That Section 12 of Article X of the Constitution of this Association, California Medical Association, be and the same hereby is amended by striking out all of said Section 12 reading as follows:

† For complete roster of officers, see advertising pages 2, 4, and 6.

SECTION 12.—*Qualifications of Secretary-Treasurer and Editor*

No person shall be eligible to the office of Secretary-Treasurer or Editor or Associate Editor who does not hold the degree of Doctor of Medicine, but membership in this Association shall not be a necessary qualification for the offices of Secretary-Treasurer, Editor, or Associate Editor.

and by inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 12.—*Qualifications of Secretary-Treasurer and Editor*

The Secretary-Treasurer, the Editor, Assistant Secretaries and Associate Editors may, but need not, hold the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and may, but need not, be members of this Association.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION: NO. V

An amendment to the Constitution:

*Resolved*, That Section 1 of Article VII of the Constitution of this Association, California Medical Association, be and it hereby is amended by striking out of the first paragraph of said Section 1 the following: "and the Chairman of the Committee on Public Relations" so that the said first paragraph of Section 1 of Article VII will hereafter read as follows:

The Council shall consist of the Councilors and ex officio: the President, the Past President, the President-Elect, and the Speaker of the House of Delegates, each with all the rights of a Councilor.

and be it further

*Resolved*, That Section 8 of Article VII of the Constitution of this Association be and the same hereby is amended by striking out of said section the following: "the Chairman of the Committee on Public Relations," so that said Section 8 of Article VII will hereafter read as follows:

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, the Past President, the President-Elect, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the Chairman of the Council, the Chairman of the Auditing Committee, the Secretary-Treasurer, and the Editor.

and be it further

*Resolved*, That Section 1 of Article X of the Constitution of this Association be and the same hereby is amended by striking out of said Section 1 the following: "the Chairman of the Committee on Public Relations," so that said Section 1 of Article X will hereafter read as follows:

The officers of this Association shall be a President, a Past President, a President-Elect, a Secretary-Treasurer, a Speaker of the House of Delegates, a Vice-Speaker of the House of Delegates, an Editor and fifteen Councilors (six of the fifteen Councilors being elected as at large and nine from Councilor Districts, as herein provided).

and be it further

*Resolved*, That Section 4 of Article X of the Constitution of this Association be and the same hereby is amended by striking out of the first paragraph of said Section 4 the following: "and Chairman of the Committee on Public Relations," so that the first paragraph of said Section 4 shall hereafter read as follows:

The President, Past President, President-Elect, and Speaker of the House of Delegates shall be ex officio members of the Council with all the rights of Councilors.

and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Constitution of this Association be and the same hereby is amended by striking out all of Section 15 of Article X of said Constitution.

Proposed amendments submitted by Dr. E. T. Remmen:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION: NO. VI

*Resolved*, That Section 4 of Article V of the Constitution of this Association, California Medical Association, which is entitled "Terms of Delegates and Alternates; One-Half Elected Each Year," be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

Delegates and alternates shall be elected by the several component county societies, respectively, for a term of two years; one-half of the delegates and alternates representing each component county society, as near as may be, shall be elected each year, provided that, in order to equalize the number of delegates elected each year, where at present the inequality in number is greater than one, a component county society may elect a sufficient number of delegates for a term of one year to equalize future elections in such society. Delegates

and alternates shall be elected directly at regular elections by the members of each component county society by an equitable method to be selected by each society, and shall not be elected or appointed by the Council, Board of Directors or Trustees or other governing body or by any officers or officer thereof, except to fill vacancies occurring between such regular elections; any delegate or alternate so selected to fill such a vacancy shall serve only until his successor shall have been duly elected.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION: NO. VII

The second resolution:

*Resolved*, That Section 1 of Article X of the Constitution of this Association, California Medical Association, be amended by adding to said section a new paragraph reading as follows:

No member who holds any office in a component county society and who is elected as an officer of this Association (except the Vice-Speaker of the House of Delegates and the Editor) shall be eligible to serve as such officer of this Association unless he shall, forthwith upon his election, resign any of the offices hereafter set forth held by him in a component county society; and, in the event that he fails to do so, the Council, at its first meeting after such election, shall declare vacant the office of this Association to which he has been elected. The offices of a component county society from which such an officer-elect of this Association must resign are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Councilor, Director, Trustee or any other office however entitled, the powers and duties of which would customarily include a substantial part of the powers and duties of any of said named offices.

Proposed amendment submitted by the Special Committee on Life Membership, Robert A. Peers, chairman.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION: NO. VIII\*

*Resolved*, That Article IV of the Constitution of this Association, California Medical Association, be and the same hereby is amended by adding to Section 1 of said Article IV a new subdivision, namely, Subdivision (e), entitled "Life Members," and reading as follows:

(e) LIFE MEMBERS

Qualifications: Life members of the California Medical Association shall be elected by the Council on the recommendation of any component county society from those active members thereof who (1) have been active members of this Association continuously for a period of twenty (20) years or more and are more than fifty (50) but less than sixty (60) years of age and have tendered to this Association a life membership fee of one hundred fifty (150) dollars; or (2) have been active members of this Association continuously for twenty-five (25) years or more and are more than sixty (60) but less than sixty-five (65) years of age and have tendered to this Association a life membership fee of one hundred (100) dollars; or (3) have been active members of this Association continuously for a period of twenty-five (25) years or more, are more than sixty-five (65) but less than seventy (70) years of age and have tendered to this Association a life membership fee of fifty (50) dollars; or (4) have been active members of this Association continuously for twenty-five (25) years or more and are more than seventy (70) years of age. Those active members falling within Classification 4 need not be recommended by any component county society, but are eligible to life membership on direct application to the Council. The Council may not elect to life membership any active member whose membership has not been continuous or who has ever been censured, suspended or expelled from the American Medical Association, this Association, any state medical association which is a constituent unit of the American Medical Association, or any county medical society which is a component part of this Association or a unit of any other state medical association.

*Obligations and Rights.*—Life members shall not pay dues and shall not be liable for assessments of any kind or nature. If active membership in good standing is maintained in his component county society, each life member shall have the right to vote, to hold office, and shall have all other rights and privileges of the Association. If active membership in his component county society is not maintained, the rights and privileges of a life member shall be those of a retired member.

\* First printing of this constitutional amendment appeared in CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE Supplement, April, 1940, on page 44. Second printing in July, 1940. See also June issue, on page 280.

## ABSTRACT OF MINUTES: CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE\*

*Minutes of the One Hundred Seventy-Third (173) Meeting of the Executive Committee of the California Medical Association, Held in San Francisco, Sunday, January 26, 1941*

### 1. Roll Call.

Present: Doctors Dukes (chairman), Wilson, Rogers, Goin, Gilman, Cline, Cass, and Kress.

Also present by invitation: Doctor Murray, Mr. Hunton, and Legal Counsel Peart and Hassard.

### 2. Minutes.

Minutes of the meeting held on December 13, 1940, were approved.

### 3. Membership.

Total membership in the California Medical Association in 1940 was 6,619. Since January 1, 1941, seventy-three new members have been admitted.

### 4. Financial.

(a) Report was made on bank balances and loans.

(b) Voted to recommend to the Council that the salary of Mr. John Hunton, Executive Secretary, be set at \$500 monthly, commencing on January 1, 1941.

(c) Instructions were given to consolidate three of the savings accounts into one.

(d) Recommended that the Council establish a separate fund to be known as the "Needy Members' Fund," this account being opened with \$210 received through donations from component county auxiliaries and other sources.

### 5. Medical Preparedness.

Progress reports were made by Dr. P. K. Gilman, Chairman of the California Committee on Medical Preparedness, and by Dr. Charles A. Dukes, member of the National Committee on Medical Preparedness.

### 6. Committee on Legislation and Public Policy.

Resignation of Dr. T. Henshaw Kelly as a member of the Committee on Legislation was accepted, with thanks for past services. It was voted that the Executive Committee recommend to the Council that Dr. Anthony B. Diepenbrock of San Francisco, be appointed to fill the vacancy caused by Doctor Kelly's resignation.

### 7. California Physicians' Service.

(a) Council Chairman Gilman reported concerning a resolution that had been received some weeks ago from the Secretary of the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement. Doctor Gilman stated that a subsequent letter from the Secretary was to the effect that the above resolution concerning California Physicians' Service had not been passed by the Sacramento Society.

(b) Council Chairman Gilman reported on a conference held with officers of the Associated Hospital Service of Southern California, stating that the Associated Hospital Service of Southern California was willing to adopt the suggestions of the California Medical Association, provided the other nonprofit hospitalization associations would likewise accept the same. President Harry H. Wilson was constituted chairman of a committee to bring this matter to a satisfactory conclusion.

### 8. California and Western Medicine: Supplements.

(a) It was voted to recommend to the Council that the annual "Membership Roster" be discontinued.

(b) Concerning the "Pre-Convention Bulletin," it was agreed that the Association Secretary and Executive Secretary should submit to the Council a report on costs thereof.

\* Full minutes of the Executive Committee meeting have been mailed to all councilors, and copies are also available for inspection in the central office of the Association.

### 9. Legislation.

(a) Dr. Dwight Murray, Chairman of the Committee on Legislation, reported upon bills having relation to medical practice, and the public health. It was stated that further information concerning proposed laws would be sent to the component county medical societies by the California Public Health League.

(b) Dr. Donald Cass, Chairman of the Committee on Public Relations, informed the Executive Committee that the dental profession, through the two state dental associations, had agreed to cooperate in the passage of a Basic Science initiative, and that the proposed initiative law would be placed in final draft, and then be submitted to the State Attorney-General for title.

### 10. Annual Session.

(a) Doctor Kress, as chairman of the Committee on Scientific Work, reported on the joint meeting of the Committee on Scientific Work with the Section Secretaries, held on January 19, stating that all indications pointed to an interesting and valuable program; the session this year to consist of four full-day meetings.

(b) Executive Secretary Hunton reported that the sale of technical exhibit space for the Del Monte session had been excellent, with prospects of additional sales.

### 11. Miscellaneous.

(a) Council Chairman Gilman reported upon the mail ballot of the Council, which authorized the appointment of a special committee, consisting of the deans of the four medical schools in California; this committee to study and report on a special proposition that had been submitted by a healing-art group.

(b) In addition to the above, other items were informally discussed.

CHARLES A. DUKES, *Chairman.*  
GEORGE H. KRESS, *Secretary.*

## CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL PREPAREDNESS†

California's position in the national medical preparedness campaign was outlined by Dr. Philip K. Gilman, chairman of the California Committee on Medical Preparedness, at the symposium on military medicine held in San Diego on February 1 and 2. Doctors from nine counties were in attendance at the meeting.

Medical preparedness at this time falls into two categories, Doctor Gilman told his listeners. First of these is the campaign for filing of completed American Medical Association medical preparedness blanks. Second is the urgent need of the United States Army for doctors to staff six new California hospitals for the Army.

On the first point, that of filing American Medical Association blanks, the California committee chairman reported that all but about 1,500 of the 12,000 licensed physicians in California had already completed and mailed in their blanks. This makes the state about 87 per cent complete in this phase of medical preparedness.

On the second point, that of securing staffs for new Army hospitals in the state, a less encouraging result has been obtained. Doctor Gilman issued a call to the presidents of the county medical societies early last month, asking their help in canvassing their society memberships in an effort to get volunteers for commissions in the Army

† Philip K. Gilman, M. D., 2000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, is chairman of the California Committee on Medical Preparedness. Charles A. Dukes, M. D., 426 Seventeenth Street, Oakland, is a member of the American Medical Association Committee on Medical Preparedness. Roster of county chairmen on Medical Preparedness appeared in CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, August, 1940, on page 86.

Medical Reserve Corps. If sufficient volunteers can be secured, the Army can probably be persuaded not to demand that holders of existing reserve commissions report for service. To date the Army has been lenient in allowing tours of duty of reserve officers to be deferred for family or financial reasons.

The call for volunteers resulted in letters from eight county society presidents, these letters offering the names of thirty-three physicians who might be available for Army service now. Follow-up letters were sent to these thirty-three, and reserve commissions from some of them are now pending or already issued. The Los Angeles County Medical Association gave a prominent display in its Bulletin to Doctor Gilman's call, and numerous inquiries came in from this printing.

Application blanks for Army commissions and for active duty have now been furnished to seven prospective Army doctors, one of whom has been declined because of impaired vision. Three other California physicians have been notified of their ineligibility because they have not completed their citizenship. One was referred to the Navy as a specialist after the Army had declined him because of his age. Twelve doctors have been placed on a list of potential "chiefs of service" because they are above the age limit of thirty-five years for granting of reserve commissions, and twenty-four physicians have listed themselves as unavailable because of practice or family ties.

Doctor Gilman gave these figures as part of his plea for the coöperation of the entire profession in securing the staffs for the new Army hospitals. He suggested that if a reservoir of available doctors could be built up, each one to be ready for one year's service, the actual tours of duty could likely be limited to one year, rather than possibly to the duration of the emergency.

He also mentioned that next June 30, when the usual year for interns and residents ends, there will probably be a considerable number of doctors available for Army service. In this connection he brought out the fact that Army medical officers are vitally interested in maintaining the teaching staffs of accredited medical schools. It is essential in all cases, he told his audience, that the faculties of medical schools be kept as nearly intact as possible so that there will be no interruption in the state's medical training program.

Questions on Army medical requirements, terms of service or other items should be referred, Doctor Gilman said, to the office of the California Medical Association, where they will be handled promptly.

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### Medical Reserve Corps, United States Army: Informative Data

*Types of Medicine.*—All types: general medicine, general surgery and all specialties—pediatricians and obstetricians will be assigned as attending surgeons at all posts.

*Age Limits.*—Maximum age of thirty-five years, except for doctors holding commissions in Medical Reserve Corps; latter may apply for extended active duty under their present commissions. If you are over thirty-five and do not hold a reserve commission, communicate with Philip K. Gilman, M. D., care of California Medical Association, 450 Sutter Street, San Francisco. Maximum age limit may be waived for "chiefs of service" and others qualified to handle special departments. Ask your question and get a ruling if you are in doubt.

*Term of Service.*—Present tours of duty are for one year.

*Assignment to Specialty.*—Army regulations permit placement of doctors in any branch of the Medical Corps. This authority may seem broad, but in actual practice the Army believes in placing doctors in the work for which they are best qualified. The Army Medical Corps is administered by doctors with the best interests of the profession at heart.

*Procedure for Securing Reserve Commission and Active Duty.*—Granting of a Medical Reserve Corps commission and assignment to active duty can be made only after filling in and filing application blanks, and after a medical examination. If you wish these blanks, please ask this office; forms will be sent to you without delay.

*Commissions Granted.*—Holders of Medical Reserve Corps commissions can enter active duty at the rank of their present commissions. Others will be granted commissions as first lieutenants—if particularly qualified by experience and by recommendation, they may be taken in as "chiefs of service" with higher rank.

*Remuneration.*—Annual remuneration basis is as follows:

	Base pay	Quarters	Subsistence	Total
First Lieutenant <sup>1</sup> .....	\$2,000	\$720	\$432	\$3,152
First Lieutenant <sup>2</sup> .....	2,000	480	216	2,696
Captain <sup>1</sup> .....	2,400	960	432	3,792
Captain <sup>2</sup> .....	2,400	720	216	3,336
Major—less than fourteen years' service....		Same as captain		
Major—over fourteen years' service <sup>1</sup> .....	3,000	1,200	648	4,848
Major—over fourteen years' service <sup>2</sup> .....	3,000	720	216	3,936

<sup>1</sup> With dependents.

<sup>2</sup> Without dependents.

*Hospital Locations.*—Army plans call for six new hospitals in California. Locations, sizes and staffs needed are as follows:

Place	Bed Capacity	M. D. Staff
Camp Ord (Monterey) .....	1,500	73
Nacimiento (San Miguel) .....	1,000	56
San Luis Obispo .....	1,000	56
Santa Barbara .....	750	45
March Field (Riverside) .....	500	33
Torrey Pines (San Diego) .....	400	25

Assignments are to be made primarily to these hospitals. Preliminary Army training may be given at existing Army hospitals in California.

*Additional Information.*—If you have further questions, please communicate with Philip K. Gilman, M. D., or John Hunton at the California Medical Association, 450 Sutter Street, San Francisco.

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### Medical Corps, United States Army—In re: American Medical Association Questionnaire Blanks

(COPY)

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL  
San Francisco, California

December 13, 1940.

*Memorandum:* For all Officers Medical Corps and Medical Corps Reserve.

The Commanding General, Letterman General Hospital, desires compliance with the request of the American Medical Association that this form [American Medical Association questionnaire blanks] be completed.

Those who have not already completed and forwarded one of these questionnaires will complete the attached blank and return it to these headquarters not later than December 22, 1940.

If you have already completed and forwarded one of these questionnaires, make a note to that effect on this notice, sign it and return to these headquarters prior to December 22, 1940.

By command of Brigadier General DeWitt:

ALVA B. McKIE,  
Colonel, Medical Corps,  
Executive Officer.

[Seal]

Letterman General Hospital  
Official  
San Francisco

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### Army Needs 5,300 Doctors\*

For every one thousand men called to the Army, Uncle Sam will provide 6.5 physicians. This is the ratio decided necessary for adequate medical attention by the United States Army Medical Department.

\* By David Dietz.

According to present plans, the total strength of the United States Army next spring will be 1,400,000 men. This will represent the regular Army of 400,000 officers and men, National Guard units of the various states now known as the National Guard of the United States, totaling 200,000 officers and men, and an additional 800,000 men called under the Selective Service provisions.

This means that the Army will need a total of 9,100 physicians, according to Major General James C. Magee, Surgeon-General.

At the present time the regular Army has 1,200 physicians, the National Guard 1,100, and an additional 1,500 physicians in the Reserve Corps have either been called to active service or have received orders.

It will be necessary, therefore, between now and the spring to call an additional 5,300 medical men into active service.

The majority of appointments, it is announced, will be of physicians who are thirty-five years of age or under, but a certain number of older men of wider experience will be required as chiefs of services in the larger hospitals which are to be established.

In each military station there will be a hospital with four beds for each one hundred of the military population, the Surgeon-General continues.

Each hospital, however, will have sufficient operating-room facilities, clinics, kitchen, etc., to take care of an additional patient per one hundred men. This means that in the event of an emergency it would be necessary only to provide the additional ward buildings and beds. All the medical facilities to take care of five patients per one hundred men would already be on hand.

In addition to these hospitals at the military stations, there will be general hospitals located at suitable sites throughout the country, he adds. These will be sufficient in number to bring the total hospital facilities to a point where they take care of six patients per one hundred men in service.

"The provision of 5 per cent of hospital beds which can be rapidly expanded to 6 per cent may appear excessive when compared with hospitalization provided for the civilian population of this country," he says. "However, all of the military sick, including such cases as in civilian life are ordinarily cared for in their homes, must be treated in hospitals, since they cannot receive satisfactory care in the barracks.

"In addition, when young adults are brought together in large groups, contagious and infectious disease that spread rapidly under such conditions occur much more frequently than in civil life. Furthermore, sufficient beds must be provided for the care of the sick during the winter and spring seasons of the year, when there is always an excessive number of such cases."—San Francisco *News*, January 3, 1941.

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#### Defects Among Selective Service Registrants

In order to have a basis for estimating prevalence of defects among registrants for military service under the Conscription Act of 1940, the United States Public Health Service has reanalyzed certain results of the medical findings for the World War draft of 1917-1918.

Twenty-one per cent were rejected for military service, 31 per cent were classified as not available for general military service (including the rejections), and 52 per cent had one or more recorded defects. These figures for the last war were summarized by Rollo H. Britten, Senior Statistician, and George St. J. Perrott, Chief, Division of Public Health Methods, Public Health Service. (Public Health Reports, Vol. 56, No. 2.)

Defects per 1,000 total drafted men in 1917-1918 follow:

Orthopedic impairments .....	213.16
Eye defects .....	61.01
Cardiovascular-renal diseases .....	50.20
Underweight .....	31.14

Hernia and inguinal rings .....	55.36
Tuberculosis (all forms) actual or suspected .....	24.74
Defective or deficient teeth .....	26.27
Nervous or mental diseases .....	24.53
Ear defects .....	15.45
Venereal diseases .....	46.77
Varicose veins, varicocele .....	8.75
Goiter .....	11.38
Hypertrophic tonsillitis .....	33.77
Arthritis and allied affections .....	3.48
Asthma .....	2.33
Other diseases or defects .....	53.56

All diseases or defects.....661.94

"On the basis of the World War draft of 1917-1918, one might expect that, to meet the quota of 800,000 inducted men by July 1, 1941, 1,200,000 would have to be examined and thus that about 400,000 would not be available for general military service," the co-authors stated.

These figures may be used as the basis for considering a program of physical rehabilitation of registrants disqualified for general military service under the Conscription Act of 1940, according to the Public Health Service. It was indicated that the most frequently occurring remediable conditions in this group of disqualified persons would be: defective vision, underweight, tuberculosis, defective and deficient teeth, hernia, and venereal diseases.

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#### Rejection of Selective Service Registrants in New York Area

Rejection of one-third of the men applying for army service in the New York area is remediable by medical care only to a small extent, according to the January issue of the *New York State Journal of Medicine*, official organ of more than 17,000 physicians of the state.

"The defects for which men are being rejected by the army examiners," the *Journal* says, "are those structural and psychologic weaknesses upon which the strenuous nature of field training could be expected to have a detrimental effect.

"The point of view of the army and of civilian medical examiners might be expected to vary considerably concerning the acceptability of certain risks and thus to account for the high percentage of rejections. They should not be taken too seriously even by constitutional pessimists. And, after all, what can be done for flat-feet, bow-legs, and perforated eardrums?" . . .

Concluding the discussion, the official spokesman for the New York State Medical Society says: "As men are called for the draft, it is inevitable that there will be many rejected as physically disqualified. For years physicians, educators and many others have collaborated on a campaign urging periodic health examinations. Every facility has been offered which the ingenuity of man could devise to induce public cooperation in such a movement. If results have not equalled expectations, the system of providing medical care is not at fault so much as the impassable threshold of complete popular acceptance."

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#### Care Is Urged in Selection of Youths for Draft

The necessity of exercising care in accepting men for service in the draft army was stressed last night at a meeting of Selective Service examining physicians from nine San Joaquin Valley counties in Superior Judge T. R. Thomson's courtroom in the Fresno County Courthouse.

Dr. G. W. Walker, Chairman of the District Medical Advisory Board, presided. Besides the examining physicians, many local draft board members, clerks and medical advisory board members attended the meeting.

#### Requirements More Liberal

Lieutenant-Colonel Bert S. Thomas, Chief of the Selective Service Medical Division in California, told the group the requirements for admission to the draft army are more liberal than the regular army requirements. But he warned the examining physicians to be exacting within the confines of the draft requirements to avoid future claims against the Government.

The speaker said the cost of World War cases which have entered hospitals has averaged \$4,004 and the average

cost of neuropsychopathic World War cases has been about \$34,000.

#### Must Speak English

The doctors were told of a new regulation under which men who cannot speak or understand English are not to be inducted into the draft army.

Thomas requested the examining physicians to send all doubtful cases to the Medical Advisory Board for further examination. . . .—Fresno Bee, January 14, 1941.

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#### Red Cross Nursing Service Seeks Ten Thousand New Members

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AMERICAN RED CROSS  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Setting a minimum goal of ten thousand new enrollments by June 30, 1941, the American Red Cross Nursing Service the latter part of January inaugurated an intensive, "all-out" mobilization of the nation's nurses for its First Reserve. The intensive phase of this mobilization will last a total of six weeks, ending about mid-March.

At the turn of the year the First Reserve had 18,000 members. Between 3,000 and 4,000 of these are expected to be called for duty by June 30 and for that reason the goal of 10,000 is absolutely imperative if the Reserve is to be in a position not only to meet possible Army and Navy demands that may be even larger in the future, but to continue to supply normal civilian needs such as may be occasioned by disaster, epidemic, or other causes. . . .

Although detailed plans have been laid to get in touch with every prospective First Reserve nurse, some may inadvertently be passed over. Any registered nurse who believes her qualifications meet the requirements and who has not been asked to enroll should get in touch with her local or state Committee on Red Cross Nursing Service, or write direct to the American Red Cross Nursing Service, Washington, D. C.

## COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC POLICY†

#### Legislature's Seventeen-Day Work

Sacramento, January 27 (INS).—Legislative box score: Convened January 6, adjourned January 26, spending seventeen days in session.

Introduced the following number of issues:

Senate bills, 1,291; Assembly bills, 2,564; Senate constitutional amendments, 22; Assembly constitutional amendments, 50; Senate joint resolutions, 11; Senate concurrent resolutions, 13; Assembly concurrent resolutions, 21; Assembly joint resolutions, 27. Total members in both houses, 3,999. In 1939, during the like period, the Legislature had introduced 4,155 measures.

Legislature will return on March 3.—San Francisco Call-Bulletin, January 27.

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#### Medical Legislation: California Legislature

##### Bills Introduced:

Senate No. 61, to amend the law relating to private institutions for insane and incompetent persons, proposes to impose an annual license fee on such institutions, the amount of which is to vary in accordance with the number of patients a particular institution is licensed to care for. For institutions licensed to receive not more than twenty

patients, the fee proposed is \$5; for those licensed to receive more than twenty patients but not more than twenty-five, the fee proposed is \$25; and for institutions licensed to receive more than twenty-five patients the fee proposed is \$50. Under the present law the annual license fee is \$50, regardless of the number of patients for whom the institution is licensed to care.

Senate No. 130, to amend the use tax act, proposes to exempt from its provisions the storage, use or other consumption in the state of medicines and drugs used in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease in man. Medicines and drugs, as so defined, are not to include any instrument or apparatus.

Assembly No. 51 proposes to enact a new massage practice act and to vest the administration of that act in a state board of massage, to be appointed by the Governor and to consist of three members who must have been actively engaged in the practice of massage for not less than three years preceding the date of their appointment. The bill proposes to define the practice of massage as "the use or employment of any method, art or science of administering to the human body for hygienic or therapeutic purposes exclusively, by rubbing, stroking, kneading, tapping or rolling the same manually, or the external application of water, either natural or mineral to the human body, for the purpose of relieving or alleviating affected parts thereof." The bill proposes to exempt from its provisions persons duly licensed in the state to practice medicine, surgery, osteopathy, "drugless physician," [sic] chiropody or chiropractic and registered nurses while acting under the direct supervision of a "medical doctor." Certain present practitioners of massage, now residing in the state, are to be licensed without examination. Other applicants who are licensed to practice massage must furnish a satisfactory "testimonial" of good moral character and must furnish satisfactory evidence of graduation from a school or institution approved by the board. Apparently the board can approve only such an institution as requires a course of instruction of not less than thirty-four weeks, and a total number of hours for all courses of not less than one thousand hours as a condition precedent to graduation.

Assembly No. 2, to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act, proposes in effect to make unemployment insurance available to an employee who is unemployed because of illness and on whose behalf there is presented a certificate, signed by a licensed physician and surgeon, that the employee was unable to work during the period for which benefits were claimed because of illness.

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#### California Legislature: Committees

The personnel of the committees which will pass upon many of the measures related to public health legislation include the following:

Assembly Committee on Medical and Dental Laws.—Chairman, Melvyn I. Cronin, San Francisco; Godfrey A. Andreas, Upland; Hugh M. Burns, Fresno; John W. Evans, Los Angeles; Dan Gallagher, San Francisco; Robert Miller Green, San Francisco; Jacob M. Leonard, Hollister; Lloyd W. Lowrey, Rumsey; Edward F. O'Dav, San Francisco; John B. Pelletier, Los Angeles; Franklin J. Potter, Los Angeles; Norris Poulson, Los Angeles; Clyde A. Watson, Orange.

Assembly Committee on Public Health and Quarantine.—Chairman, Norris Poulson, Los Angeles; Don A. Allen, Los Angeles; F. Ray Bennett, Los Angeles; Hugh M. Burns, Fresno; Melvyn I. Cronin, San Francisco; C. Don Field, Glendale; Dan Gallagher, San Francisco; Augustus F. Hawkins, Los Angeles; John B. Knight, Los Angeles; Jack Massion, Los Angeles; Franklin J. Potter, Los Angeles; Jack B. Tenney, Los Angeles; Frank J. Waters, Los Angeles.

Assembly Committee on Hospitals and Asylums.—Chairman, Charles M. Weber, Stockton; Godfrey A. Andreas,

† Component County Societies and California Medical Association members should not give endorsements to proposed legislation unless the California Medical Association Committee on Legislation and Public Policy has so requested. On such matters, address: California Medical Association Committee on Legislation, Dwight Murray, M. D., Chairman, 450 Sutter, San Francisco.

Upland; James M. Cassidy, Oakland; Ernest C. Crowley, Suisun; Randal F. Dickey, Alameda; Thomas J. Doyle, Los Angeles; T. Fenton Knight, Los Angeles; Eleanor Miller, Pasadena; Norris Poulson, Los Angeles; Paul A. Richie, San Diego; Ernest O. Voigt, Los Angeles.

*Senate Committee on Business and Professions.*—Chairman, Ed Fletcher, San Diego; George M. Biggar, Covelo; John D. Foley, San Jose; H. R. Judah, Santa Cruz; H. E. Dillinger, Placerville; James J. McBride, Ventura; John F. Shelley, San Francisco; R. R. Cunningham, Hanford; John Harold Swan, Sacramento.

*Senate Committee on Public Health and Safety.*—Chairman, D. Jack Metzger, Red Bluff; George M. Biggar, Covelo; Oliver J. Carter, Redding; Randolph Collier, Yreka; John D. Foley, San Jose; Thomas F. Keating, San Rafael; Harry L. Parkman, San Mateo; John Phillips, Banning; John Harold Swan, Sacramento.

## COMMITTEE ON POSTGRADUATE ACTIVITIES†

### Prospective Postgraduate Conferences: Fresno, Imperial, and Orange Counties

Arrangements are in the forming for postgraduate conferences to be held under the auspices of the following county medical societies:

*Fresno.*—Fresno County Medical Society will hold a conference in Fresno.

*Imperial.*—Imperial County Medical Society will offer a postgraduate series at El Centro.

*Orange.*—Orange County Medical Society will hold a postgraduate conference at a place to be decided.

Each of these component county societies will extend invitations to members of adjacent county units. In due course, such invitations will go forward from each of the county society sponsors and, in addition, supplementary notices and information will be sent by the California Medical Association Committee on Postgraduate Activities. It is believed that each of these conferences will be marked by good attendance.

County societies which have not held postgraduate or refresher course conferences are requested to communicate with the California Medical Association Postgraduate Committee, 450 Sutter Street, San Francisco. That committee will give all possible coöperation in efforts to make prospective programs of interest and value.

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### Organization Visits by California Medical Association Councilors and Association Secretary

During January, Axcel E. Anderson, Councilor from the Fourth District, and Association Secretary George H. Kress, gave talks on organization topics as follows:

*Fresno.*—Fresno County Medical Society on Tuesday, January 7, in Fresno.

*Stanislaus.*—Stanislaus County Medical Society on Friday, January 10, at a meeting held in Modesto.

*Merced.*—Merced County Medical Society on Thursday, January 16, at Merced.

*Tulare.*—Tulare County Medical Society on Sunday, January 26, at Visalia.

Councilor Anderson and Secretary-Editor Kress spoke on topics concerning organized and scientific medicine: state and federal legislation having relation to: medical practice; medical preparedness; Industrial Accident Com-

mission ruling; proposed basic science initiative; postgraduate courses; annual session program; and allied subjects.

Association Secretary Kress also attended one of the meetings of the excellent postgraduate course conducted under the auspices of the San Jose Hospital Association at San Jose,\* and addressed a service club at Vallejo on the subject, Basic Science Laws. The Association Secretary, with other colleagues in San Francisco, who are members of the Public Health Section of the well-known Commonwealth Club, also attended meetings of that section in conferences concerning an open forum program to be held in the near future, at which the subject, A Compulsory Health Law for California, will be the topic for discussion.

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### Two-Day Symposium on Military Medicine at San Diego

At Hotel Coronado, Coronado, San Diego County, on Saturday afternoon and evening, February 1, and Sunday morning, February 2, a program of unusual interest was given, in which topics bearing on military medicine were considered.

The California Medical Association Committee on Postgraduate Activities coöperated in promoting the publicity concerning the symposium. In honor of visiting ladies, the Woman's Auxiliary sponsored a tea from 4:00 to 6:00 p. m., and a musicale from 8:00 to 10:00 p. m.

The program follows:

#### SYMPOSIUM ON MILITARY MEDICAL DEFENSE:

HOTEL CORONADO, FEBRUARY 1-2, 1941

#### PROGRAM

##### Part I. 4:00-6:00 p. m., Saturday, February 1

1. *Address of Welcome*—Dr. Frank St. Sure, President, San Diego County Medical Society.
2. *Address of Welcome*—Honorable Percy J. Benbough, Mayor of San Diego.
3. *Address of Welcome*—Honorable Walter Bellon, Chairman of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors.
4. *Address of Welcome*—Dr. Harry H. Wilson, Los Angeles, President, California Medical Association.
5. *"Present Status of Medical Preparedness in California"*—Dr. Philip K. Gilman, San Francisco, Chairman, California Committee on Medical Preparedness.
6. *"The Medical Side of Naval Recruit Training"*—Capt. Griffith E. Thomas, U. S. N., Senior Medical Officer, Naval Training Station.
7. *"The Training of Hospital Corpsmen in the Navy"*—Commander Louis H. Roddis, U. S. N., Officer in Charge of Hospital Corps School.

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##### Part II. Saturday, 7:00 p. m. Dinner

Speaker, Captain Joel Boone

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##### Part III. 8:00-10:00 p. m., Saturday, February 1

8. *"Surgery in Modern Warfare"*—Capt. Frederic L. Conklin, U. S. N., Chief of Surgical Service, Naval Hospital.
9. *"Venereal Diseases and National Defense"*—Lieut. Comdr. John Luton, U. S. N., Chief of Urological Service, Naval Hospital.
10. *"The Dental Side of Naval Recruit Training"*—Comdr. Eugene L. Walter, U. S. N., Dental Officer, Naval Training Station.
11. *"Some Aspects of Aviation Medicine"*—Comdr. Joel J. White, U. S. N., Chief of Medical Service, Naval Hospital.
12. *"Combined Operations of Naval Medical Department Units with Land and Sea Forces"* (Motion pictures)—Capt. William L. Mann, Jr., U. S. N., Post Surgeon, Marine Corps Base.

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##### Part IV. 10:00-12:00 a. m., Sunday, February 2

13. *"Health Protection in Defense Industries"*—Dr. Harry Wilson, President, California Medical Association.

\* For editorial comment, see page 55.

† Requests concerning clinical conferences, guest speakers, and other information, should be sent to the California Medical Association headquarters office, 450 Sutter, San Francisco, in care of the Association Secretary, who is secretary ex officio of the Committee on Postgraduate Activities.



14. "The Rôle of the Nurse in Medical Defense"—Miss Myrtle Coltharp, Assistant Director.
15. "A Doctor and the Selective Service Board"—Dr. L. B. Rogers, Medical Inspector, California.
16. "The Reserve Officer on Active Duty"—Lieut.-Col. A. E. Sherman.

## COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION†

Judging of two contests sponsored by the Committee on Public Health Education has been under way during the past month. Dr. P. K. Gilman heads a committee judging the scenarios submitted in the motion-picture scenario contest devoted to a subject to best show the advance of medical science, while Dr. H. H. Wilson heads a committee judging the essays submitted in the high school-junior college essay contest on the subject, "The Rôle of the Doctor of Medicine in the Life and Health of the American People." The report of the judges is expected soon.

The Public Relations Counsel has been, and will be publicizing the medical exhibit in Los Angeles on February 2 to 9, sponsored by the Los Angeles County Medical Association in conjunction with Health Defense Week. This affair will be at the Shrine Auditorium, and exhibitors will include members of the dental profession, who are coöperating.

Radio stations throughout California are showing much interest in broadcasting medical talks secured from the American Medical Association, and the Public Relations Counsel has been in constant contact with ten of these stations, endeavoring to get such a program actually under way. The station representatives are endeavoring to secure sponsors for the programs, who will represent the highest class of ethical advertisers who can be approved by the county medical societies in the various localities.

The Committee for Hard-of-Hearing Children, whose membership includes a number of members of the California Medical Association, is taking steps to publicize the work being done for hard-of-hearing children and during the month has been aided and advised by the Public Relations Counsel.

The Public Relations Counsel was requested by the California Newspaper Publishers' Association to investigate a threatened resolution on the part of the San Fernando Valley unit of the Los Angeles County Medical Association directed against professional cards in the newspapers in that vicinity. As a result the resolution has not been passed and the Public Relations Counsel is endeavoring to adjust this matter in a manner satisfactory to those concerned.

The Committee on Public Health Education has decided that the experiment of placing educational literature on medical subjects with the students at Claremont, Pomona, and Scripps colleges justifies an extension of this service to other college students in California to the extent that means permit. As a result, steps are now under way to make such literature available to the students of the University of Southern California. —R. M.

† The Committee on Public Health Education was established through Substitute Resolution No. 6 at the Del Monte annual session, May 3, 1939.

The Committee on Public Health Education consists of Frank R. Makinson, chairman, Oakland; Philip K. Gilman, secretary, San Francisco; Samuel Ayres, Jr., Los Angeles; Thomas A. Card, Riverside; Lowell S. Goin, Los Angeles; Junius B. Harris, Sacramento; George H. Rohrbacher, Stockton; Harry H. Wilson (ex officio), Los Angeles. Communications to the committee may be addressed to Frank R. Makinson, M. D., chairman, Wakefield Building, Oakland, or to the California Medical Association office, 450 Sutter Street, San Francisco.

## C. M. A. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS†

### BASIC SCIENCE INITIATIVE

Preliminary work on the Basic Science Initiative was brought practically to completion last month, when the Council of the California State Dental Association approved the proposed fifth draft of the measure. Earlier in January the joint legislative committee of the two California dental associations had approved this draft for presentation to the dental council. Only a few minor changes in wording are now required before a final fifth draft can be drawn and presented to the California Medical Association Executive Committee for approval.

The question of the Basic Science Initiative was discussed at the meeting of the California Medical Association Executive Committee on January 26 and approval of the progress of the measure was expressed by the members of the committee. It appears that at long last this legislative proposal is about ready for presentation to the State Attorney-General for a title. After the title has been secured, the most important and most difficult task, that of securing valid signatures, will be undertaken. The coöperation of all members of the California Medical Association, and families and friends, will be sought when the signature campaign opens. —J. H.

## C. M. A. CANCER COMMISSION\*

Financial grants-in-aid totaling \$271,277.50 during the past three years were recently reported to the National Advisory Cancer Council by Dr. Ludvig Hektoen, Executive Director of the Council which was set up by Act of Congress to advise the Surgeon-General of the United States Public Health Service regarding grants-in-aid and other matters dealing with the Federal Government's program for cancer research.

During this same three-year period, applications for grants which would have totaled \$1,995,635.25 were received and considered by the Council, Doctor Hektoen stated.

During the three-year period, the sum of \$92,570 was granted to the University of California, the University of Michigan, and Washington University of St. Louis for experimental work in connection with the cyclotron, or "atom-smashing machine," which produces radioactive particles which may have value in treating cancer.

The same period saw a sum of \$49,652.50 appropriated for clinical cancer research. These grants went to the National Research Council (for the American Registry of Pathology), the American College of Surgeons, the New York Hospital, the University of California, Maharry Medical College of Nashville, Tennessee, and Dr. Harrison S. Maitland.

Doctor Hektoen's report also dealt with specific investigations now being carried on by four of the institutions which are receiving financial grants recommended by the Council.

Dr. Carl Voegtlin's report, as Chief of the National Cancer Institute, included comments on the 8½ grams of radium, valued at \$200,000, which the Government is loaning to hospitals in various parts of the country. He also

† The complete roster of the Committee on Public Relations is printed on page 2 of the front advertising section of each issue. Dr. Donald Cass of Los Angeles is the chairman, and Mr. John Hunton is the secretary. Component county societies and California Medical Association members are invited to present their problems to the committee. All communications should be sent to the director of the department, Mr. John Hunton, Room 2004, Four Fifty Sutter Street, San Francisco.

\* For roster of members of the Cancer Commission of the California Medical Association, see page 2 in the front advertising section (bottom of the second column).



discussed recommendations growing out of the recent conference on stomach cancer and the projected collaboration by the National Cancer Institute and the Carnegie Institution of Washington on studies of radioactive substances to be produced by the cyclotron now being built at the Carnegie Institution.

"The National Cancer Institute now has a staff of thirty-eight scientists in addition to fifty technicians carefully trained for their specific investigations, and the Institute's laboratory—the largest of its kind in the world—is now complete, with modern equipment including an ultracentrifuge, ultra-violet microscope, x-ray equipment, and four sterile rooms," Doctor Voegtlin stated.

Doctor Voegtlin said that the radium on loan at various hospitals is being put to good use and that two of the members of the staff had recently completed a survey of these institutions and had made recommendations regarding protection against radium injuries to the personnel handling this element and more accurate standardization of x-ray dosage. He also spoke of the Institute's new magazine, *The Journal of the National Cancer Institute*, and the exhibit sponsored by the Institute at the recent meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, in Philadelphia.

## COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFIC WORK

### Scientific Assembly: California Medical Association Annual Session, Del Monte, May 5-8, 1941

On Sunday, January 19, the Committee on Scientific Work of the California Medical Association held a joint session with the secretaries of the twelve scientific sections of the Association. All sections were represented, either by secretaries or other officers.

**Section Programs.**—Each section secretary presented the titles of papers that had been submitted to his section for possible use in the program. In considering the possible acceptance of papers, the subject matter in its relation to other papers on the program was taken into consideration. Because of the limited number of meetings of some of the sections, it was not possible to utilize all papers that had been submitted. Several sections will hold joint meetings for the better discussion of topics in which more than one group of specialists have particular interest.

**General Meetings.**—Four general sessions will be held: On Monday morning, the address of the retiring president, Dr. Harry H. Wilson, will have first place, with allocation of time for organization and public health reports, and an address by a guest speaker;

On Tuesday morning, medical subjects will be given particular attention, to be followed at 11 a. m. by the Clinical-Pathological Conference, in which so much interest has been displayed in recent years;

On Wednesday morning, the surgical section will present papers in which surgical aspects will be stressed; and

On Thursday morning, the meeting will be given over to reports and papers by representatives of the Army, Navy, and Aviation Services of the United States, and by the California Committee on Medical Preparedness. On Thursday afternoon, the medical and surgical sections will unite in presenting two panel discussions on topics having important medical and surgical aspects.

Dr. Waltman Walters of Rochester has been invited as guest speaker on surgical topics, and Dr. Robert Loeb of Columbia will be the guest speaker on medical subjects.

All section meetings will be held on one of the four afternoons, the mornings being given over to the general meetings to be held in the Auditorium—Bali Room.

**Films.**—On Friday morning, medical and surgical films will be displayed in the Copper Cup Room, a new film commencing on each half-hour. Titles and hours of display will appear in the program. Members who have medical or surgical films are requested to write to the Association Secretary at 450 Sutter, San Francisco.

**Scientific Exhibits.**—It is hoped to have an interesting and valuable series of scientific exhibits. The medical schools of California, state, county, and municipal health agencies and other organizations, and members of the California Medical Association are invited and urged to communicate with the Association Secretary regarding possible displays.

**Technical and Commercial Exhibits.**—The commercial and technical exhibits will also be of special interest. Members of the Association are reminded of the importance of displaying an interest in the technical exhibits, because the income received therefrom makes a valuable addition to the funds of the State Association, and permits utilization of monies from dues for other important activities.

**Hotel Reservations.**—In the January issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, on page 30, was given a list of hotels located on the Monterey Peninsula. It is suggested that members who contemplate being in attendance may find it advisable to make early reservations. All reservations should be made direct with the hotels.

### Holiday Inn, Carmel-by-the-Sea

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Jesena, Proprietors and Managers

One-half block from beach and five minutes from the center of Carmel, 6 miles from Hotel Del Monte, a small home-like hotel, can accommodate twenty to twenty-two people.

Rates quoted for the period of the California State Medical Association meeting being held at Del Monte Hotel, May 5, 6, 7 and 8, 1941, as follows:

Single room and bath and breakfast.....	\$3.75
Double (double bed, bath and breakfast).....	5.50
Double (twin beds, bath and breakfast).....	\$6.00 to 7.00
Seven rooms with twin beds; five rooms with double beds.	
All rooms with ocean view. Dinner, \$1.25.	

Additional information concerning the program will be given in later issues of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE.

## COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

The California Medical Association Committee on Health and Public Instruction calls the attention of members of the California Medical Association to the "Los Angeles Health Defense Exposition," sponsored by the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

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The following news item from the Los Angeles Times of January 24, 1941, indicates the widespread public interest in the Exposition:

### Health Defense Drive Spurred

Mayor Proclaims Week for Campaign Here at Medical Group Banquet

Mayor Bowron proclaimed Health Defense Week, February 2 to 9, at a banquet held by the Los Angeles County Medical Association at its headquarters last night.

"Good health is the greatest asset of individuals and communities as well," the Mayor said. He urged attendance of the public at the Health Exposition to be held at the Shrine Auditorium during Health Defense Week.

Dr. John C. Ruddock, Dr. T. C. Meyers, president of the council of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, and Dr. L. A. Allesen, secretary, spoke on plans for the exposition. All phases of medicine, surgery and dentistry will be shown in exhibits and demonstrations. Fifteen hundred

doctors, nurses and other professional people will demonstrate the progress of health science.—Los Angeles Times, January 24, 1941.

Further comment will be made in the March issue of the OFFICIAL JOURNAL. For the present it may suffice to present the information given below.

### Los Angeles Health Defense Exposition

*Presented Under the Auspices of the Los Angeles County Medical Association*

On the afternoon of Sunday, February 2, 1941, the doors of the Shrine Civic Auditorium Ballroom were opened to a spectacular health exposition. There, in display after display, was created a presentation of health—its importance, how to maintain it. It was a vivid presentation, and complete—a dramatic portrayal of a subject of utmost importance to all.

One hundred thousand square feet of exhibit space were filled with drama and human interest. The subject was: What good health and defense against illness means.

The exhibits revealed a striking picture of the forward march of science, of the millions that have been spent in medical research so that the people of this country are today the healthiest of any in the world, healthiest because they live in a medically progressive nation whose men of science, as yet, are unhampered by governmental regimentation, a peculiarity of certain European nations that results in the reduction of the best to obscure mediocrity.

Every phase of modern, ethical medicine in its relationship was presented—not in static, silent booths, depending upon statistical material, but in colorful, moving, dynamic demonstrations.

The "Bulletin" of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, in a preliminary announcement, described some of the features of the Exposition as follows:

You may see the beat of your own heart on a screen—hear it over an amplifying system—while sensitive electrical instruments are making a record of its action.

You may make a visual acuity test for yourself—looking through the ophthalmoscope you will see the inner eye as does the eye physician when he examines you. Natural and unnatural conditions of the delicate mechanism of sight will be unfolded for you.

The marvelous machinery of the human body will be illustrated by models and actual specimens. Rare and common ailments will be identified for you and you will learn how they are correctly and scientifically treated.

Colored motion pictures of operative procedures will tell the story of the lives saved by the skilled fingers of the modern surgeon.

You will see how blood is collected and stored for shipment to the ends of the earth to save lives of unfortunate peace and wartime sufferers. You will see how food is introduced into the blood stream when normal assimilation of food is impossible.

The dangers of self diagnosis and home treatment will be told with dramatic directness.

Every division of modern, ethical medicine, working together for a composite whole for the preservation of life, will have complete displays to give everyone a better understanding of the importance of scientific knowledge correlated to keep us well.

The marvels of surgery in the field of reconstruction—plastic surgery—will be shown by models and colored transparencies. See how our surgeons make it possible for unfortunate victims of accident or heredity to take their normal places in society.

The important story of disaster and war relief will be told by the American Red Cross.

There will be entertaining and educational lectures for everyone each afternoon and evening of the Exposition. Prominent authorities will talk on Vitamins, Child Psychology, Sex, Infant Feeding, Retarded Children, The Modern Hospital, and many other subjects.

We hear so much about vitamins today. What are they? What do they do? Learn the truth about them at the Exposition.

Motion picture halls will show short subjects continuously from 1:00 to 10:00 p. m. every day of the Exposition. A

special diet picture, "The Doctor's Daughter," with a cast well known to theater goers, should not be missed.

Another feature will be the annual exhibit of the Physicians' Art Association, filling the entire west side of the large mezzanine floor.

The Department of Child Health of the Board of Education, the Nurses' Association, the Hospital Association, County and City Health Departments, and the California Physicians' Service will have exhibits of exceeding interest.

The Los Angeles Health Defense Exposition, sponsored by the Los Angeles County Medical Association, will be the first of its kind ever held. Tell your friends about it. Make up a family party. Remember the date—the first week in February—February 2 to 9.

## COUNTY SOCIETIES†

### CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

#### New Members (7)

##### Alameda County (3)

Louis H. Dyke, Jr., *Berkeley*  
James C. Luce, *Oakland*  
William E. Marsh, *Alameda*

##### Monterey County (2)

Albert J. Herrmann, *Pacific Grove*  
Calvin King Terwilliger, *Carmel*

##### Placer-Nevada-Sierra County (1)

Norbert B. Frey, *Nevada City*

##### San Francisco County (1)

Samuel Cohn, *San Francisco*

## In Memoriam

**Conger, Clyde Benson.** Died at San Francisco, December 18, 1940, age 30. Graduate of Stanford University School of Medicine, San Francisco, 1935. Licensed in California in 1935. Doctor Conger was a member of the Santa Clara County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

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**Fuller, Roy Newton.** Died at Riverside, December 15, 1940, age 55. Graduate of Cooper Medical College, San Francisco, 1908. Licensed in California in 1908. Doctor Fuller was a retired member of the California Medical Association and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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**Horton, Fred Lamberton.** Died at Pomona, December 25, 1940, age 45. Graduate of University of Nebraska College of Medicine, Omaha, Nebraska, 1916. Licensed in California in 1923. Doctor Horton was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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**Levison, Charles Gabriel.** Died at Sausalito, January 12, 1941, age 75. Graduate of Cooper Medical College, San Francisco, 1889. Licensed in California in 1890. Doctor Levison was a retired member of the California Medical Association and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

† For roster of officers of component county medical societies, see page 4 in front advertising section.

**Levy, Joseph Jacob.** Died at Los Angeles, January 8, 1941, age 59. Graduate of Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1905. Licensed in California in 1920. Doctor Levy was a member of the Fresno County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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**Manson, Robert Morton.** Died at Hayward, January 8, 1941, age 62. Graduate of Oakland College of Medicine and Surgery, Oakland, 1915. Licensed in California in 1915. Doctor Manson was a member of the Alameda County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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**Shook, Francis Marion.** Died at Orinda, December 27, 1940, age 60. Graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1904. Licensed in California in 1916. Doctor Shook was a member of the Alameda County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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### OBITUARIES

#### Roy Newton Fuller

1885-1940

At Riverside, California, December 13, 1940, Dr. Roy Newton Fuller died of acute cardiac decompensation at the age of fifty-five. Roy Newton Fuller was born at Lincoln, California, on November 2, 1885. His medical education was received at Cooper Medical College, where he was graduated in 1908. Ready now for his life work, he followed in the footsteps of famous men of the family, who had labored in the medical and scientific world. His father, Dr. George W. Fuller, was one of the prominent physicians and surgeons in San Francisco for many years.

Dr. Roy Newton Fuller immediately began his life work as interne at St. Luke's Hospital, San Francisco, where he served one year (July, 1908-1909). Then followed his year of service as resident physician at Lane Hospital.

Upon completion of this period of service, he entered into partnership with Dr. T. D. Blodgett of Tulare, California. Together they established the San Joaquin Hospital.

His medical career through all his active years was a vital link in the community life of Tulare. His private practice extended into many of the homes of that section and even during his long years of illness he continued to advise his many friends medically as well as being a wise counselor in educational and family problems. He kept that warm human touch to the last.

When volunteers were called for the World War, he responded and was made lieutenant in the medical corps. He was assigned to Letterman Hospital, San Francisco.

At the call of his fellow citizens, he served on the Board of Education for Tulare City. He filled other important posts as a citizen and member of his community. In the establishment of the county hospital for Tulare County, he took a leading part.

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#### Frederick A. Rhodes

1873-1940

Frederick A. Rhodes died on December 29, 1940, at his home in Culver City, California, from hypostatic pneumonia.

He was born on April 22, 1873, in New Castle, Pennsylvania. He was an alumnus of Grove City College,

Pennsylvania, receiving his M.D. from Western University of Pennsylvania in 1900, and was professor of physiology at the University of Pittsburgh from 1905 to 1910, when he wrote the textbook, "Applied Physiology."

He moved to California in 1923.

In May, 1932, he retired from practice on account of a cerebral hemorrhage and was given an honorary membership in the Los Angeles County Medical Association. He organized and was president of the Pitt Club of Southern California in 1924.

JOHN WILLIAM SHUMAN, SR.

## THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION†

MRS. A. E. ANDERSON.....President  
MRS. WILLIAM C. BOECK.....Chairman on Publicity  
MRS. KARL O. VON HAGEN.....Asst. Chairman on Publicity

The State Board meeting will be held in Fresno on February 14. The Fresno Auxiliary recently completed highly successful *Hygeia* and new membership drives. Doctors A. E. Anderson and George H. Kress were guests of honor at a recent meeting at which Doctor Kress urged the group to pay strict heed to the impending medical legislation. Another guest, Mr. Donald Wonder, who is director of the Endocrine Department at the Cutter Laboratory at Berkeley, described the establishing and growth of the laboratory. The members learned much about vaccines and serums.

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The Yuletide spirit dominated the annual holiday party arranged by the Sacramento Auxiliary on December 17 in the home of Dr. and Mrs. George A. Briggs. Dr. William Van Den Berg acted as Santa Claus during an exchange of gifts.

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Members of the San Francisco Auxiliary have again decided to have a Valentine dinner dance, which will be held at the Lakeside Country Club. In charge of arrangements will be Mesdames George Oviedo, Robert Ware, Dohrmann Pischel, and Loren R. Chandler.

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Mrs. A. E. Anderson, State President, reminded the San Diego members that the Basic Science Law will come up within the next six months and that it will be necessary to have 200,000 signatures to the petition. The medical societies will ask the auxiliaries to assist in securing these signatures. After an investigation into the needs of the children at Vauclain Home, which is a tuberculosis ward for the children of San Diego County, the Benevolence Committee provided a year's supply of tooth powder, washcloths, and dusting powder. In addition to these utilitarian presents, all the children were supplied with two gifts each, according to their requests. And so Christmas was made a good deal more cheerful for those youngsters who actually asked for washcloths. The gifted Mrs. Willard Newman gave an original monologue, entitled *A Doctor's*

†As county Auxiliaries of the Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association are formed, the names of their officers should be forwarded to Mrs. Karl O. Von Hagen, Assistant Chairman on Publicity, 2435 Nottingham Avenue, Los Angeles. Address of the Chairman on Publicity: Mrs. William C. Boeck, 712 North Maple Drive, Beverly Hills.

For roster of officers of state and county auxiliaries, see advertising page 6.

*Wife at the Telephone.* It was a delightfully amusing key-hole view of what goes on in a doctor's home two hours before a formal dinner party.

## CALIFORNIA PHYSICIANS' SERVICE†

### Membership

September, 1939 .....	1,220
March, 1940 .....	9,322
September, 1940 .....	17,398
January 27, 1941 .....	21,865

Among groups recently enrolled are the following: A. N. Abell Auction Company, Los Angeles; Ambassador Venetian Blind Corporation, Oakland; Attendance Group, Board of Education, Los Angeles; Employees of Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, San Francisco; Belmont High School, Los Angeles; George H. Benioff, San Francisco; The Best Fertilizer Company, Oakland; Rodney E. Boone Organization, San Francisco; Guy Bowcock, Jeweler, San Francisco; The Cartan Company, San Francisco; Central Junior High School, Los Angeles; Phillip S. Chancellor Estate, Santa Barbara; Chung Mei Home, El Cerrito; Clay-Jones Apartments, San Francisco; Compressed Steel Corporation, San Francisco; Copper Coffee Pot, Santa Barbara; Cosgrave Cloak and Suit Company, San Francisco; Thomas A. Edison High School, Los Angeles; El Camino Pharmacy, Santa Barbara; First National Trust and Savings Bank, Santa Barbara; Office and Foreman Group—Fredrick Couch Company, Los Angeles; Fresno Building and Investment Company, Fresno; General Brewing Corporation, San Francisco; The Goldfield Consolidated Mines Company, San Francisco; Grand Union Market, Los Angeles; George Habersfelde, Inc., Bakersfield; Hillsborough School District, Hillsborough; The Hughes, Santa Barbara; Kings County Chapter California Teachers' Association, Hanford; Charles Kushins Company, Oakland; Harry W. Lange, M. D., Bakersfield; Marvin Avenue School and Evergreen Avenue School, Los Angeles; Midtown Motor Sales Company, San Francisco; 109th Street School, Los Angeles; Pacific Scientific Company, San Francisco; M. W. Park & Company, San Francisco; Pleasant Valley and Somis School District, Camarillo; Professional Staff of U. S. C. Library, Los Angeles; Leland Rosener Employees' Group, San Francisco; Employees of San Francisco District, Water Resources Branch, United States Geological Survey, San Francisco; Sherwin Williams Paint Company, Factory Group, Emeryville; Union Mill and Lumber Company, Santa Barbara; United States Rubber Company, Employees' Group, Los Angeles; Employees of United States Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, San Francisco; Venice High School; Veterinarians' Group, Los Angeles; Virginia Road School and Amestoy Road School, Los Angeles and Gardena; Westfall Discussion Club, Lafayette; Woodlawn Avenue School, Bell; and Y. W. C. A., Oakland.

During the month of October, when there were 18,561 beneficiary members in the service, there were 3,188 patients treated, representing 17.2 per cent incidence of illness among the membership during the month. The sum of \$21,077.90 was disbursed to 1,441 doctors, in payment of 15,614 units of service rendered; an average payment per doctor of \$14.63. The average number of units of service

rendered per doctor was 10.8; and the average number of units of service rendered per case was 4.9. The unit value paid for the month was \$1.35.

The distribution of units of service rendered during October was as follows: 67.03 per cent for general medical care, 14.08 per cent for surgical care, 7.03 per cent for x-ray services, 6.24 per cent for laboratory procedures, and 5.62 per cent for refractions.

The distribution of patients by doctors was as follows:

743 doctors saw	1 patient each
312 doctors saw	2 patients each
163 doctors saw	3 patients each
74 doctors saw	4 patients each
45 doctors saw	5 patients each
34 doctors saw	6 patients each
21 doctors saw	7 patients each
20 doctors saw	8 patients each
9 doctors saw	9 patients each
6 doctors saw	10 patients each
6 doctors saw	11 patients each
2 doctors saw	12 patients each
4 doctors saw	13 patients each
2 doctors saw	14 patients each

It continues to be apparent that the distribution of patients is widely scattered among professional members and that, in proportion to the present beneficiary membership, a very substantial percentage of professional members are participating. The method of writing checks during the past few months has permitted the observation that a substantial number of new doctors participate each month.

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As shown above, there were 3,188 members under treatment during October, which is concrete evidence of the fact that the volume of business being done is quite substantial. Analysis of the work done in the Bay area and in the vicinity of Los Angeles, where the greater percentage of beneficiary members are located at the present time, offers convincing proof of volume. In districts 1 and 3, San Francisco and Alameda counties, 628 doctors saw 1,666 patients. These patients made 3,942 visits to doctors' offices, were seen by their physicians 248 times at home, and 531 times while hospitalized. In Los Angeles during the same period of 426 doctors saw 740 patients. In this group there were 1,790 office visits, 105 home visits, and 123 visits to hospitalized patients.

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The meeting of the Board of Trustees held in Fresno on January 5 was well attended, and it appeared that the idea of regional meetings of the Board, which would permit attendance by deputy medical directors, administrative members, and presidents and secretaries of county medical societies would be well received generally. Therefore, the next meeting of the Board has been scheduled for Los Angeles, on February 2, and the group in near-by counties has been invited to participate.

*Smallpox Smolders.*—An outbreak of smallpox has been smoldering in a northern California community for several months, fifty-seven cases having been reported to July 1. Of these, eighteen were in adults, many of whom were over forty years of age. Not all cases have been reported, as, in spite of the definite diagnosis, its prevalence in adults and in only the unvaccinated, many individuals refuse to believe that the disease is smallpox. Vaccination has been carried on constantly by school and public health authorities, as well as by private physicians.

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